



September 28, 2018

Dear Third, Fourth and Fourth/Fifth Grade Teachers:

The Martin Griffin Preserve of Audubon Canyon Ranch is pleased to announce its 53rd year of environmental education field trips. These nature experiences are offered **free of charge** and are scheduled by a drawing. The spring 2019 program is available to 3rd, 4th and 4th-5th combination classes and will be held at the Martin Griffin Preserve's Picher Canyon. Please note that two classes from each school can participate in the program on the same day.

Audubon Canyon Ranch offers teachers the convenience of applying online through our website at www.egret.org. From the Home Page, simply follow this path to access the field trip forms: What We Do/Nature Education Programs/School Programs/Field Trips or simply go to egret.org/mgp-apply.

Our curriculum includes:

- A wonderful Teacher Manual correlated to California state standards, filled with environmental and ecological activities for teachers to use in their classrooms.
- An approximately 1-1/2 hour visit to your classroom by docents prior to the Preserve visit.
- A 3-hour docent-led hike at Martin Griffin Preserve, located 3-1/2 miles north of Stinson Beach.

Our spring 2019 season will begin on Tuesday, March 19, 2019 and will continue Tuesdays through Fridays ending May 31, 2019. We schedule a maximum of two classes per day, so two classes from the same school may request the same day for a Preserve visit. It is important that the class(es) arrive at the Preserve no later than 10:30 a.m. and leave no earlier than 1:30 p.m. Classes travel to the Preserve by bus or private cars. Busing scholarships are available.

If you are interested in participating with your class in our spring 2019 program, please complete the online application form. You may also print out the online form and return it to: Audubon Canyon Ranch, 4900 Shoreline Highway One, Stinson Beach, CA 94970; or via fax to 415.868.1699; or via email to MGPSchoolProgram@egret.org; or online on www.egret.org. We cannot accept applications unless they:

- **Have no more than two classes per application (use additional application forms, if necessary).**
- **Provide phone and email information for *all* teachers.**
- **Are received no later than Friday, December 14, 2018.**

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The drawing will take place immediately after the December 14th closing date, and we will notify you in writing by **Friday, January 4, 2019** whether or not we are able to accommodate your class. **Please note that this application is for the spring 2019 program and only for 3rd grade, 4th grade and 4th-5th combination classes.** You will receive a notice in spring 2019 regarding the fall 2019 field trips.

In case you need to cancel, please notify the ACR office at least one month prior to your scheduled field trip so that your slot may be filled with a class from our waiting list. Failure to notify ACR of your cancellation in a timely manner may result in ineligibility for the next scheduled drawing.

We look forward to having the opportunity of working with you and your class.

Sincerely,

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